

Sunday, February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian K. Ballard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God,

you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.

We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor.

We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.

We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.

We have let our craving for status prevent our honesty about hidden sins.

Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you.

Feed us with the Bread of Life and so conform our lives to the glory of Christ,

that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

HYMN 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:35–50 Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON I Am the Bread of Life Agnes W. Norfleet

Second in Lenten Series: Who Do You Say That I Am?

ANTHEM O Living Bread, who Once Didst Die Percy Whitlock

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

O Living Bread! Who once did die and lay Thee down in rocky tomb: within my heart forever lie and shed Thy brightness o'er its gloom. O precious Blood! So freely shed, sweet pledge of pardon from above: Speak to my heart so cold and dead and wake it into Life and Love. O Sacred Food! O Cleansing Tide! Fill all my soul with Love divine. O Thou who didst my life redeem, come to my heart and make me Thine. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Agnes W. Norfleet & Leigh DeVries

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

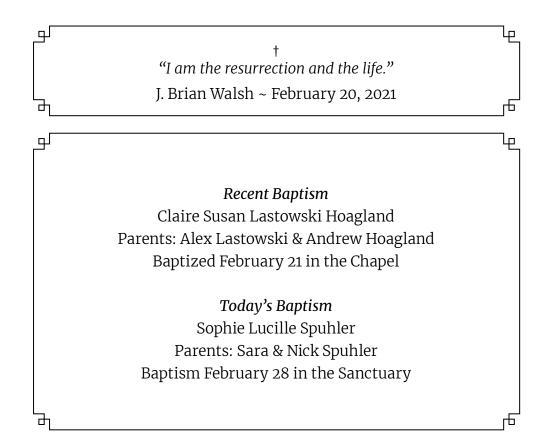
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

BENEDICTION Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Kyrie eleison J.S. Bach



Announcement

COVID-19 RESOURCES. The Caring Ministries team has compiled various resources to help you continue navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources include vaccination and testing information by county, crisis and peer-support lines, support group information, and ways to receive food, financial, legal and healthcare assistance. All this information can be found on a new <u>COVID-19 Resource</u> page under the Caring Ministries section of the BMPC website.

Season of Lent

2021 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL. Copies of this year's Devotional can be picked up outside the main entrance of the BMPC Chapel. You also can access the Devotional <u>online</u> or you can <u>sign up</u> to receive each day's reflection via email throughout the Lenten season. Written by the pastors, staff and members of the congregation on selected texts from the Apostle Paul, the Devotional will help us consider what it means to be disciples of Christ, both as individuals and as a community. <u>RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org</u>.

LENTEN PRAYER JOURNEY. Lent is a journey. This year the Caring Ministries team invites you to make that journey utilizing various prayer practices. These will include a virtual Labyrinth walk, breath prayers, sacred pauses, the Prayer of Examen, and Praying in Color. In the <u>Virtual Caring Corner</u> of the weekly BMPC eNews through April 1, you will find an invitation to that week's prayer practice. <u>Brian Ballard</u>

LENT/EASTER ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER. Copies are available in a bin outside the Chapel. You also can read it <u>online</u>.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listing in in the Easter Sunday bulletin: "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism)." Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons' Flower Ministry. You may fill out an <u>online donation form</u>, or pick up a printed copy of the form in a bin outside the BMPC Chapel entrance. The deadline for donations is Sun., March 7. If you need a copy of the form mailed to you, contact Sarah Miciek at 610–525–2821 or <u>SarahMiciek@bmpc.org</u>.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES DURING LENT. BMPC will livestream Lenten Vesper services on Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to view these services via <u>BMPC's Facebook page</u>, the <u>BMPC YouTube channel</u> or the <u>livestream page</u> on the church website.

This Sunday

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION. During worship this Sunday, Feb. 28, we will gather virtually around the Lord's Supper. On this second Sunday of Lent the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will be preaching on the saying of Jesus, *I Am the Bread of Life*, in the Lenten sermon series on Who Do You Say that I Am? We invite you to have elements for communion of bread and juice at hand as you prepare to worship.

BEING DISCIPLES, BECOMING COMMUNITY. Sundays through March 21, 11:15 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Using the Pauline texts featured in our 2021 Lenten Devotional, this class will explore the ways the Apostle Paul describes the essentials of Christian Discipleship as well as characteristics of the Christian community. Dr. Joshua Yoder is teaching this class, and details about it, including the Zoom link, can be found on our website here.

This Week

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we broadcast live concerts via <u>BMPC's Facebook page</u> on Tuesdays at noon. Our next concert on March 2 will feature Nelly Berman School of Music pianists Emma Lo and Alyssa Gabrilovich. <u>Download program</u>. <u>Stephanie Speakman</u>.

NEW CLASS: THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON. Tuesdays, March 2–30 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call. Henri Nouwen's classic book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*, is a compelling reflection on our human condition and God's remarkable ability to forgive, challenge and love. Join Patricia Danzon, BMPC member and spiritual director for the Middleton Center, in a fiveweek study of this classic work. Books will be available in late February for class participants. For more information (including the Zoom link) and to register, contact <u>Patricia Danzon</u> directly.

Upcoming

TACKLING FAMILY HISTORY PROJECTS. Mon., March 15 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Join Clémence Scouten, founder of Memoirs & More, to learn how to finally tackle family history projects. From archiving to genealogy to storytelling, Clémence will walk through different kinds of family history projects to show you how to take each one head on! Monica Devane.